



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

July 6, 2005

I. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger, at 3:00 p.m. on July 6, 2005 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Michael Berger, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Paul Edelman, Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

III. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

No public comment was made.

IV. Reports from Staff:

- (a) Legal;**
- (b) Operations;**
- (c) Natural Resources and Planning;**
- (d) Interpretation;**
- (e) Developed Parks;**
- (f) Construction.**

The Authority received a verbal report from the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Chief of Interpretation, Chief of Construction, and the Executive Officer.

V. Consent Calender:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting offers to dedicate trail easements: Macgowan/P5-81-569, located in along North Saddle Peak Road in unincorporated Los Angeles County; and Hershey/P5-84-091, located in Monte Nido in unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing amending Resolution No. 04-157 to correctly reflect the reference name for the offer to dedicate an open space easement.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2005-2006, and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2005-2006, and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 05-62, 05-63, 05-64, 05-65, 05-66, and 05-67 were unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of resolution adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration for 8th Street Park project along the Pacoima Wash, City of San Fernando.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-68 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing dissolving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Financing Corporation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, and authorizing the filing of an officers' Certificate of Dissolution, pursuant to Corporations Code sections 6611 and 6615.

Comments were made were made by Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-69 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds from the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area/National Park Service for King Gillette Ranch (Soka site) planning, pursuant to the multi-agency Cooperative Management Agreement and Task Agreement.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-70 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing redirection of Los Angeles County Proposition A River funds from the 67th Street Project in the City of Long Beach, to the San Francisco Avenue Acquisition project, City of Long Beach.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer and the Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-71 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy of Proposition 12 funds for Project Planning and Design services.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer and the Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-72 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy of Proposition 50 funds for acquisition of surplus property owned by Los Angeles County in the Sylvia Park, Garapito Canyon and Hillside Drive areas of Topanga Canyon.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-73 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

No comment was made.

XIII. Closed Session.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions. Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: 4. (1) *City of Malibu v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; (2) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al*, and (3) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Laminar RR Acquisition, L.L.C. et al*.

No closed session was held.

XIV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on August 3, 2005.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Michael Berger
Chair